

Senate Resolution 1174

By: Senators Shafer of the 48th, Chapman of the 3rd, Goggans of the 7th, Unterman of the 45th, Thomas of the 54th and others

A RESOLUTION

1 Commending the American Red Cross and proclaiming March, 2008, American Red Cross
2 Month in Georgia; and for other purposes.

3 WHEREAS, the American Red Cross plays a vital humanitarian role in Georgia and is the
4 organization through which tens of thousands of our caring citizens – "Hometown Heroes"
5 – give freely of their time, talent, money, and blood to help ease and prevent human suffering
6 and to save lives in our state, the nation, and the world; and

7 WHEREAS, the Red Cross, though not a government agency itself, collaborates with
8 Georgia's emergency planning community to respond to disasters of all types and, last year,
9 provided food, clothing, shelter, first aid, health care, and counseling to more than 4,300
10 Georgia families following 3,100 disasters such as home fires, floods, tornadoes, and
11 hurricanes; and

12 WHEREAS, the Red Cross is saving lives in Georgia every day – last year alone, Red Cross
13 Blood Services collected more than 285,700 pints of blood from Georgia blood donors, who
14 in turn saved up to 857,000 lives through their selfless generosity; and

15 WHEREAS, last year, the Red Cross training in programs such as first aid, CPR, use of an
16 AED, and Water Safety gave more than 166,000 of our citizens the confidence and skills
17 they need to respond to life-threatening emergencies; and

18 WHEREAS, as part of its humanitarian mission, the Red Cross provides the only world-wide
19 communications link between service members and their loved ones, and last year, the Red
20 Cross helped 21,600 of Georgia's military families send emergency messages, get financial
21 assistance, find counseling and get referrals, and briefed 49,000 family members on services
22 available to them; and

1 WHEREAS, preparedness is a vital part of the Red Cross mission, and the Red Cross, in
2 partnership with state and local agencies, is helping Georgia's families become safer,
3 healthier, and better prepared for the unexpected, whether natural disasters, manmade threats,
4 or health emergencies such as a pandemic flu outbreak; and

5 WHEREAS, it is fitting that this body recognize and celebrate the contributions of Georgia's
6 Hometown Heroes – Red Cross volunteers, donors, partners, and employees.

7 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE that the members of the body
8 join the President of the United States, the Governor of Georgia, and government officials
9 across the country in proclaiming March, 2008, American Red Cross Month and call upon
10 all citizens to support and honor this organization and recognize its proud heritage of service.

11 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Secretary of the Senate is authorized and directed
12 to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to the American Red Cross.